

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 4, with the following:

The light card further includes a connector 12 by way of which the light card can be supplied with energy. To this end, a plug 13 is inserted into the connector 12, which plug is connected to ~~a~~ an external power supply not shown in Fig. 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 8, with the following:

As shown in ~~Fig. 2~~ Figs. 2 and 3, the cover layer 2, which consists of an about 1 mm thick light transmissible plastic foil includes a transparent area 3, 3a over a light recess 11 which is delimited by a circumferential delimiting structure 10 and an opaque area 7. The transparent area 3, 3a is imprinted by a light transmissible coloring agent of different intensities. For example, a part 3 of the light transmissible area which forms a background has a relatively low color intensity so that, with backlighting, it appears light. By varying the intensity or by using different color components, the background may be made to look very attractive. A second part 3a of the light permeable area which represents for example a motive may be imprinted by higher intensity. In this way, the motive is distinguished from the background in an attractive way.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 21, with the following:

As apparent from Fig. 3, the cover layer 2 is imprinted fully by a layer 8 of a light permeable color. In the light-impermeable area 7, a layer 9 of a light impermeable coloring agent is deposited on the light permeable layer 8. At its surface ~~2a~~ 29 opposite the color layers 8, 9, the cover layer 2 is roughened. This is advantageous for the light emission from the light permeable areas 3, 3a.